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believe there was a new manager hired in December. We've also said that sometimes that we need to take a look at the staff. I have a brother that is involved...who is a nuclear consultant, actually, to plants across the country. I talked to him yesterday afternoon. I said, well, can you explain to me, you know, why this might be necessary. One thing he really pointed out is that this industry is constantly changing, and that's why it is necessary to oftentimes bring in people who actually have expertise, skills, knowledge, resources to help and look at things that you often do not see from the inside. I think that...it has been pointed out that possibly the present staff has been unable to identify and solve problems, and sometimes this happens. But bringing someone else in does certainly give a different perspective, can actually provide a clearer direction to the oversight and control processes. One of the handouts that we received that stated, well, why does NMC seek indemnification? And some of the points that I just wanted to say that owners do not want to be liable for costs of other owner's plants thus the need for the indemnification. The NMC arrangement keeps all costs and benefits where they have always been, with the plant owner. So I would hope that we would move this bill on. I think it is necessary, and we will have time then to discuss some of the other issues as we get to Select File. Thank you.

PRESIDENT HEINEMAN: Thank you, Senator Stuhr. Further discussion? Seeing none, the Chair would recognize Senator Schrock to close. Senator Schrock waives closing. The question is the advancement of LB 165 to E & R Initial. All those in favor vote aye, those opposed vote nay. Please record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 30 ayes, 2 nays, Mr. President, on the motion to advance LB 165.

PRESIDENT HEINEMAN: The bill is advanced. Items for the record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Thank you, Mr. President. Enrollment and Review reports LB 61, LB 127, LB 161, LB 175, LB 219, LB 234, LB 234A, LB 561, LB 562, LB 562A, and LB 563 as correctly engrossed. Your